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The Honorable John Conyers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

We are in receipt of your February 12, 2004, letter to the Attorney General, recommending the appointment of a special counsel to investigate whether Halliburton, Conoco-Phillips, and General Electric have violated U.S. law by conducting business with state sponsors of terror.

We are aware of the 60 Minutes report that you reference. Please be assured that we take such allegations very seriously and that we will ensure that these matters are carefully reviewed. At this stage, it is too early to determine whether the allegations involving Halliburton would warrant the appointment of a special counsel; they will first be reviewed and evaluated by our experienced career prosecutors as they would be in any other case. If you are aware of additional facts relevant to our consideration of your recommendation, please let us know.

If we can be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General